

# JEAN ELIOT'S WEEKLY CHRONICLE OF CAPITAL SOCIETY

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having attended the two conventions and spent several months in California and traveling on the West Coast. Mrs. Dougherty, who was with her—the Vice President and Mrs. Marshall were also members of Mrs. Walsh's party for a long time—and who spent last winter as her guest, has gone back into her own charming apartment in the Brighton this season.

One of the events of the week just past which has more than passing interest was the formal opening of the grill room at the Woman's City Club. Last winter the organization's restaurant was "parked" round the corner in the building formerly occupied by the Girls' Club of the Food Administration, but now there's a delightful little grill right under the club's own roof tree. And the food is fine. I know, for I sampled it last evening when the official opening took place and when Miss Mary O'Toole, president of the club, entertained a number of us at dinner. There were lots of other parties, with many notables among the guests, and altogether it was a most auspicious occasion.

## WEDDINGS, WEDDINGS, AND AN ENGAGEMENT OR TWO.

This week will open auspiciously with a wedding—the marriage of Miss Alberta Vawter Bicknell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bicknell, to William Jenks Wright, which will be solemnized tomorrow afternoon at the home of the bride in Connecticut avenue. It will also close with a wedding—the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Kingsbury, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Henry P. Kingsbury, to Donald McKnew. This is set for Saturday afternoon, and will be solemnized in the Bethlehem Chapel.

In between there will be several others, notably the marriage on Wednesday evening of Miss Henrietta Nollner and Wesley Langdon Smith, of Philadelphia. They will have an evening wedding in All Saints' Church, Chevy Chase, and afterward there will be a small reception at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Harry Nollner. Miss Nollner has the lovely Titian hair, and, since she her-

self is wearing the traditional bridal white, she is dressing her only attendant—her cousin, Miss Alma Cunningham—in jade green. Sounds alluring, doesn't it? The best man will be the bridegroom's brother, Blair Smith. The young couple expect to leave for New York by midnight and will go to Savannah by boat for their honeymoon.

Also I have an engagement for you—Mr. and Mrs. Morgan Beach are today announcing the engagement of their daughter, Miss Grace Carter Beach, to John E. Barbour, of Pasadena, Cal. The wedding will take place some time in December. The news is of interest to a great many people, for "the Beach girls"—there are three of them, and all attractive—have hosts of friends here. Mr. Barbour was originally from New York, and I'm told he met his fiancée when she was visiting there. I had rather imagined that their romance dated from a recent visit to California when she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Wheeler. Miss Beach and her sisters are great friends of Miss Sidney Burleson and her sister, Mrs. Charles Greene Grimes.

The entertainment which the minister of Ecuador, Senor Don Rafael Hector Elizalde, is arranging for next Saturday evening at the Pan-American Building, has historic significance, for it is in celebration of the centenary of the Guayaquil Independence Movement. There'll be a concert, a program of speeches, etc., and, probably dancing. And, of course, the diplomatic corps will turn out in force, the first time they have come together this autumn.

Dr. and Mrs. Elizalde are charming hosts. She's one of the handsomest women in the diplomatic corps, wears lovely clothes and diamonds—when diamonds are correct—and looks like a girl, although she's the mother of seven children. She's a Chilean by birth. Dr. Elizalde is a very distinguished man. He has been for many years in his country's diplomatic service, was at one time minister of foreign affairs, and again served in the Ecuadorian parliament. He's a forceful and accomplished writer and

several of his works on diplomacy and politics are highly regarded.

## DEBUTANTES OF COMING SEASON.

In Philadelphia, where I have been visiting of late, one already hears a great deal of the debutantes. For most of the Quaker City buds blossom in the early autumn, "coming out" at receptions—sometimes at garden parties—at the lovely country places along "the Main Line" of the Reading, where Philadelphia's are wont to spend the greater part of the year.

In Washington, of course, the season begins later, but nevertheless, a tentative list of debutantes is in the making. There seems to be slim chance of a Cabinet bud—at any rate until after March 4, for the Secretary of State and Mrs. Colby are the only members of the President's official family who have daughters of a debutante age; and Miss Katherine Colby is already "out." Miss Natalie Colby's health is rather frail, and a strenuous season would probably be too much for her strength, and Miss Frances Colby is still a schoolgirl.

We will have, however, that very important personage, a "diplomatic debutante" in Miss Yolanda Romano, daughter of the Italian Ambassador and Baroness Romano; and several buds are promised from the official set, notably Miss Katherine Sutherland, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Howard Sutherland; Miss Marguerite Woolley, whose father, Robert Woolley, is Interstate Commerce Commissioner; and Miss Joyce Nebeker, daughter of Assistant Attorney General and Mrs. Frank K. Nebeker.

Miss Romano went about a good deal last spring—following the arrival of the Romanos in Washington—in an informal way and she has had sort of preliminary coming out at Newport this summer. Miss Romano told me she is to be officially "presented" this season and she's certain to have a wonderful time. She'll have a lot to do for her—what ambassador's daughter doesn't? But aside from that she's an engaging little person who won her way to immediate popularity by her youthful freshness and charm, her vivacity and her genuine unaffectedness.

## "THE SERVICE" PRESENTS MANY DEBUTANTES.

"The service" is contributing several debutantes—no not Miss Edith Aultman, daughter of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Dwight Aultman, whose name has been mentioned as a possible bud. She's gone back to the University of Wisconsin and if she has a formal coming out it will not be this season. But Miss Dorothy Gowen is to be presented, likewise Miss Margaret Taylor, daughter of Brigadier General and Mrs. Harry Taylor; and among the "navy girls" are Miss May Taylor—no relation to Margaret—daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs. David W. Taylor; Miss Marjorie Gelm, daughter of Captain and Mrs. George E. Gelm; Miss Zilla MacDougall, daughter of Captain and Mrs. William D. MacDougall; and Miss Anne Craven, daughter of Captain and Mrs. T. T. Craven. Most of these girls have known each other since children, have been to school together and are prepared to have the merriest of merry times together. Pretty Miss Gowen, who took part in many of the debutante festivities last season, is the daughter of Major James B. Gowen, of the General Staff, and Miss Gowen, who have quarters at Washington Barracks—quarters which have come to be an exceedingly popular meeting place with the young people.

Miss Craven's father is head of the aviation service of the navy. She's pretty and bright and already has lots of beaux and she's always been a leader among her mates, so it would appear that she is destined to have a wonderful time. She has the distinction of being the first bud to pick the date for her coming out party and her mother will give a tea for her on Saturday, November 23, at their charming home in Corcoran street.

Her chum, Miss Louise Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson, is included among the season's debutantes and the two girls are looking forward to having all sorts of fun together. Then there's Miss Edith Bacon, daughter of Mrs. L. W. Bacon and a sister—if I mistake not—of pretty Mildred Bacon, who married Dick Oulahan; and Miss Marie Ambler Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis Smith, is likewise coming out this season. She's an unusually handsome girl, with the most wonderful red hair.

## MISS RUTH MORGAN TO BE PRESENTED.

Miss Ruth Morgan, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gerry Morgan and a sister of Miss Myra Morgan, a bud of last season, is also to be presented this year, I'm told. And so is Miss Teresa Crosson, whose sister, Miss Margaret Blaine Crosson, made her debut in society and on the stage all in one season. The Crosson girls are daughters of Dr. and Mrs. H. J. Crosson and great-nieces of the late James G. Blaine. Miss Anne Hight and Miss Eleanor Wheeler are also listed among the season's probable debutantes. There was some talk of Miss Wheeler's coming out last winter, but she—or her mother for her—decided in favor of another year at school, and, if I mistake not, she was away at boarding school most of the winter. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles V. Wheeler—and as pretty as her very pretty mother.

The names of Miss Helen Parsons,

daughter of Mrs. James L. Parsons, of Chevy Chase, of Miss Betty Cecilia Wernier, daughter of Mrs. E. A. Wernier, and of Miss Margaret Fluke have also been given me as prospective buds. Miss Fluke is a niece of Minnie Madden Fluke, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. de Rhelm Fluke, of New York and Paris, and her parents are to spend the coming season in Washington and have taken an apartment at Wardman Park Hotel.

Another debutante destined to be much feted is Miss Adeline Oxnard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry F. Oxnard, who has returned after spending the summer abroad. The Oxnards, whose home is at Upperville, Va., have taken Col. and Mrs. Theodore A. Baldwin's house in K Street—a charming house, perfectly appointed and splendidly arranged for entertaining—for the season, and will give a big tea there to introduce their daughter, and possibly a ball later on. It is there, too, probably, that the social life of the Oxnard's sister, Eugenie Pichon, to Robert Krogstad, will take place during the autumn or early winter.

The Oxnards expect to come to Washington November 1 when Colonel and Mrs. Baldwin move for California, where they will probably spend the next year or two. Colonel Baldwin having been detailed to duty at Ross Field. Their daughter, Miss Betty Baldwin, has gone to the Country School at Warrenton, and she's to have a year or two in Europe before coming out—so she won't be in the debutante class for several years yet.

## MISS WADSWORTH TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL.

Miss Evelyn Wadsworth, daughter of Senator and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., has been spoken of as a potential debutante, but apparently without authority. I'm told that Mrs. Wadsworth has no intention of bringing her out for another year and that she is going back to school again this winter. Her debut, when she does make it, will be an event of no little importance for the Wadsworths, of course, occupy a very enviable position in Washington society. Mrs. Wadsworth was Miss Alice Hay, daughter of the late John Hay, his diplomat, poet, diplomat and statesman, and was presented to society here when her father was Secretary of State. She was the chum and companion of Miss Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Nicholas Longworth. When "The Colonel" was in the White House and his high spirited daughter was holding sway over Washington society—and frequently setting it by the ears. Miss Wadsworth has inherited much of her mother's charm and will be a very interesting acquisition to society.

Miss Caroline Story, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Story, Jr., and Mrs. Alice Harding, daughter of W. P. G. Harding, governor of the Federal Reserve Board, will also make their debut next winter—probably. They are not going back to school this year, but will take sundry special courses here in Washington. They expect to study pretty hard, but will undoubtedly have a little preliminary fling in the social world. Miss Harding and Miss Story have been schoolmates for several years, are devoted friends and the former spends part of every summer with the Storys at their country place near Annapolis. Mrs. Story and Caroline have been here now, but they are expected back in Washington about October 10.

## MOVING DAY BRINGS NUMEROUS CHANGES.

October 1 is traditionally moving day, and this season so many persons are engaging in this pleasant pastime that the town resembles an animated game of puzzy-wants-a-corner. Prince de Bearn, counselor and charge d'affaires of the French embassy, who sublet 1920 Twenty-third street, the house formerly occupied by Col. and Mrs. George Patton, when he first came to Washington, has moved to 1716 New Hampshire avenue. The counselor of the Italian embassy and Mrs. Brambilla have moved out of 1218 Sixteenth street and are moving into 2725 Q street—the lovely home of the John L. Newbolds just over the Q street bridge, which was moved when the street was cut through. And her mother, Mrs. George von Lengerke Meyer, will be with them this winter, having given up her apartment in Wendell Mansions.

The Celestias—Andrea Geisser Celestia di Vegliaco, third secretary of the Italian embassy, and his pretty little wife—are moving into Mrs. Newton Gulick's house, 2168 Florida avenue, and out of 1845 R street—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ferguson's house, which has been let again to Vice Admiral William Ledyard Rodgers and his sister, Miss Helen Rodgers. The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Joette Shouse have given up their house in Connecticut avenue and are at 1624 Eighteenth street, to remain until their departure from Washington on March 4 or possibly before.

## DR. VERNON KELLOGG TAKES STANLEY HOUSE.

Dr. Vernon Kellogg, secretary of the National Research Council, and Mrs. Kellogg have taken possession of the Stanley house, 2330 Massachusetts avenue. Franklin MacVeagh, sometime Secretary of the Treasury, has taken Miss Cornelia Aldis' house, 2019 R street, and will probably be more continuously in Washington this winter than has been the case since he leased his big mansion in Sixteenth street to Mr. and Mrs. Breckinridge Long. Henry White, sometime member of the American delegation to the Peace Conference, expects to move.

at least he has been house hunting of late. He wanted to lease Mrs. Frederic R. Harris' pretty house in Massachusetts avenue, but Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craigie, of the British embassy, got ahead of him and took the house for five years. Mrs. Harris moving to 1732 Sixteenth street. Mr. White has been living at 1229 Nineteenth street for the last two or three years, his own house, in Crescent Place being occupied by Senator and Mrs. Peter Goelet Gerry.

Mrs. Charles H. Poor has sold her house, 1611 Twenty-first street, and taken the apartment at 1302 Eighteenth street left vacant by Mrs. Morris Ernest Locke, formerly Mrs. McMillan Gibson, when she went to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to join her husband. Mrs. Poor wanted, you see, to be near her daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Bulmer, who has an apartment in the same building. Mrs. Bulmer is spending this month in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., but will be back here early in November.

## WASHINGTON COLONY AT LEAVENWORTH.

At Leavenworth Colonel and Mrs. Locke will find themselves in the midst of a flourishing "Washington colony," the post being simply swarming with officers who have been stationed in the Capital at one time or another. The Mitchells are there—Col. and Mrs. William A. Mitchell—also Major Robert R. Ralston and Mrs. Ralston, who was Louise Chase; Major Lewis Hayes Watkins and Mrs. Watkins, who was Ruth Bliss; Col. and Mrs. James P. Robinson (she was Edna MacMurray), Col. and Mrs. Harry Craig Williams, Capt. Joseph W. Viner and Mrs. Viner (Dasha Allen), and Col. Evan H. Humphrey ("Sey" Humphrey) and Mrs. Humphrey (Clara Sewell). The Viners, however, are on the verge of resigning and expect to go to Cincinnati to live.

Mrs. Mark Brooke (Marie Barnes) is due to arrive soon to join Colonel Brooke and Major and Mrs. Richard Moore (Winifred Davis) are also expected shortly. The post is very gay, with luncheons, tea parties and dinners on all occasions—and all I hear makes me wish I might accept a pleasant invitation I have to visit there.

Practically all the embassies and

legations are back in their winter quarters at Washington now, although individual members of the staffs are still absent on duty or pleasure bent. Only the Italians still linger at Newport, and the Ambassador and Baroness Romano are expected back this week. The Counselor and Mrs. Brambilla got back a few days ago, coming from Hamilton, Mass., where they have been staying with her mother, Mrs. George von Lengerke Meyer.

Mme. de Riano has rejoined the ambassador of Spain here after a long visit to her sister, Mrs. Chandler Anderson, in York Harbor. And Princess Lubomirskas, wife of the minister of Poland, who has been lingering at Newport, apparently in the hope that her husband would be able to slip away for a belated holiday, has finally given up and returned to the legation in Sixteenth street.

Of those who have been abroad for the summer, the Swiss Minister and Mme. Peter landed in New York yesterday—bringing with them their young sons, whom they left behind when they "came out" last spring. Presumably they will place them in school here, and the Geddes boys, sons of Sir Auckland and Lady Geddes, are also to be entered in a Washington school.

The Dutch minister and Mme. Cremer, who were to have sailed today, have changed their plans, and their return to this country seems to be indefinitely postponed. It is hoped that does not mean that they are not ultimately coming back, for they are a friendly, hospitable pair, who were ever so popular in Washington, not only with those of their own generation, but with the young people, whom they seemed to like and for whom they gave a good many parties. Dr. Cremer was very ill last winter, and spent most of the winter in the hospital, his sons and a charming little granddaughter coming over post-haste at one time when his illness seemed pretty serious. They all spent Christmas with him, but went back after a few weeks when their invalid seemed pretty well out of the woods.

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## LIGHTNING HITS HOUSE.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 3.—A terrific flash of lightning yesterday

struck the house of Simon Smith at Romney and entered the room where Mrs. Smith lay with a week-old baby in its crib close by. It did no other damage than to make a hole in the ceiling. It is thought the lightning entered the house on one set of wires and jumped to another set through the ceiling.

**MYSTERY IN BLANKETS.**  
BRADFORD, England, Oct. 3.—A mysterious foreign power is endeavoring to purchase an enormous quantity of blankets here, according to reports current on the Bradford wool exchange. A representative of the blanket-seeking nation was quoted as saying that he is placing orders for from 3,000,000 to 4,000,000 blankets in England.



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